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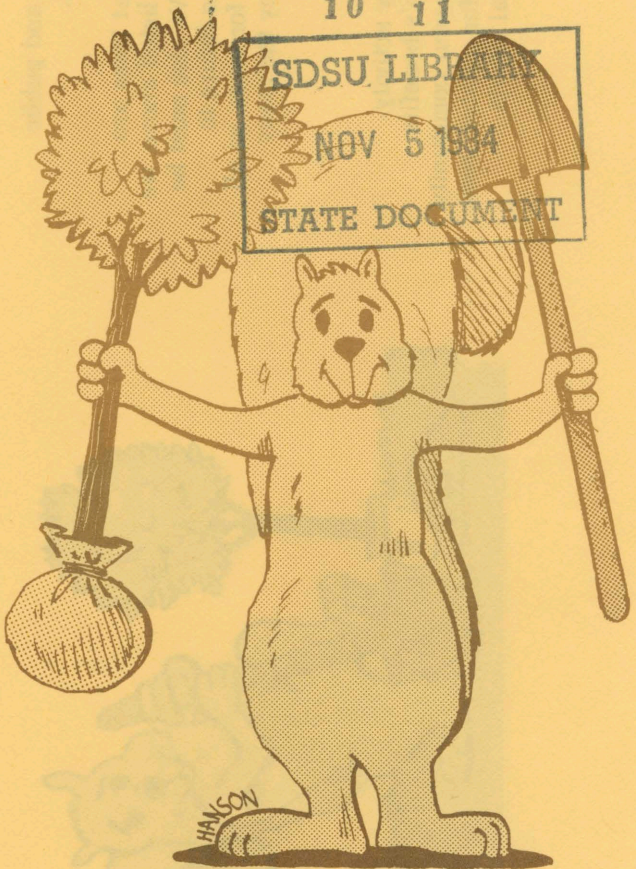
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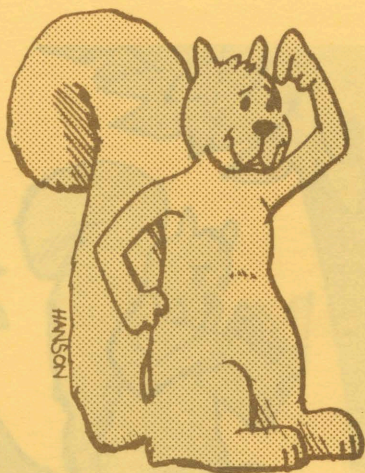
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It all started in Nebraska in 1892.

The U.S. Congress adopted the last Friday in April as National Arbor Day.

In 1947 the S.D. Legislature adopted the last Friday in April as South Dakota's Arbor Day.

Arbor Day is a special day that has been set aside to plant and take pride in trees. It was first started in Nebraska by Julius Sterling Morton. He organized many pioneers to plant trees on the prairie lands.

There are many reasons to plant trees. Here are just a few:

1. Trees tame South Dakota winds.
2. They make pictures on the plains.
3. Trees shower us with shade.
4. They protect and provide homes for wildlife.
5. Trees provide fresh fruits and nuts.
6. Lumber comes from trees.
7. Trees are a source of fuel.
8. Wood makes beautiful furniture.
9. Taking care of trees and turning trees into products we use creates jobs for people.
10. Trees make our homes and public grounds more beautiful.

In order to make sure that trees are around to do all the things listed above, we have to protect the trees. We also must be concerned enough about the future to continue to plant and care for trees, so all future generations can enjoy the many benefits of trees.

You Can do Your A, B, C's...

- A. Announce an Arbor Day activity.
- B. Be a spokesman for tree's benefits.
- C. Create tree plantings in your community.
- D. Develop a "care plan" for planted trees.
- E. Enjoy your environmental efforts.

Consider some of these Arbor Day tree planting ideas.

1. Plant trees to beautify your community.
2. Plant trees in honor of people you wish to remember.
3. Plant a community Christmas tree.
4. Plant trees to conserve natural resources and energy.
5. Plant trees to make a "community forest."
6. Plant trees in tree banks, which can be used to replace elm trees killed by Dutch Elm disease. (A tree bank is a planting of many small trees that will grow and be transplanted in about 10 years.)
7. Plant trees that will attract and make homes for wildlife such as pheasants and deer.

Here's who can help you with an Arbor Day project.

1. County Extension Service office.
2. Soil Conservation Service.
3. City, state and federal foresters.
4. City, state and federal park superintendents.
5. Professional tree care people.
6. Concerned citizen groups.



Your County Extension Service office has these references available for more Arbor Day planting ideas.

1. FS 661, "Tree Selection Guide," tells about the variety of shade trees you can plant.
2. FS 566, "Tree of South Dakota," gives the characteristics of South Dakota Trees.
3. EC 706, "Shrubs of South Dakota," gives the characteristics of South Dakota shrubs.
4. EMC 697, "General Tree Establishment Procedures," talks about things to know before planting trees.
5. EMC 698, "Planting Bare Root Trees," tells how to handle bare root trees.
6. EMC 699, "Planting Containerized or Potted Trees," tells how to handle trees growing in pots.
7. EMC 700, "Planting Balled and Burlapped Trees," tells how to move and transplant trees from one area to another.



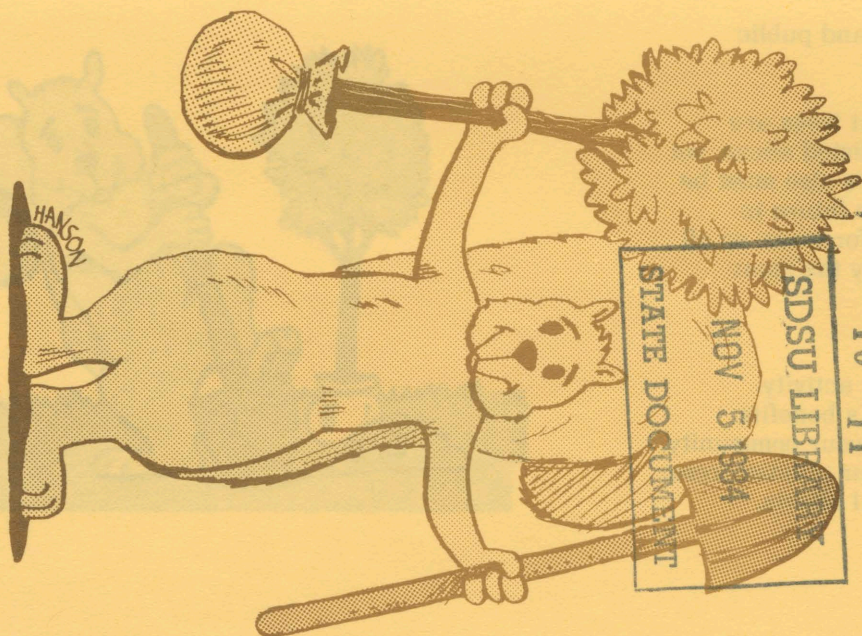
Trees are great! You can be great too if you plant some trees for Arbor Day this year! It will make you feel good!

**Remember the date—the last Friday in April.
Help make South Dakota beautiful!**

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